

REMARKS

Claims 1, 6, 12 and 13 remain in this application. Claims 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 have been amended by eliminating multiple dependent claims and deleting preferably clauses. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made".

The support for these amendments is found in the claims as originally filed. These amendments are being entered to bring the claims into conformance with, *inter alia*, 37 CFR §1.75; no new matter is added.

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## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- ① A leave-on cosmetic composition suitable for topical application to the skin comprising:
- a) from about 6% to from about 20% of a polyhydric alcohol, or mixtures thereof; and
  - b) a cation containing polymer selected from cationic, basic, amphoteric and zwitterionic polymers, or mixtures thereof;
- wherein said composition comprises less than 4% of an anionic, zwitterionic or amphoteric surfactant.
2. A composition according to Claim 1 [preferably] comprising from about 7% to about 15% [and more preferably from about 8% to about 12%] by weight of the polyhydric alcohol, or mixtures thereof.
3. A composition according to <sup>Claim 2</sup> [any of Claims 1 or 2] wherein the polyhydric alcohol is selected from glycerine, butylene glycol, propylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, polyethylene glycol and derivatives thereof, hexane triol, ethoxylated glycerine and propoxylated glycerine, or mixtures thereof.
4. A composition according to <sup>Claim 3</sup> [any of Claims 1 to 3] wherein the polyhydric alcohol is selected from glycerine; polyethylene glycol and derivatives thereof, or mixtures thereof.
5. A composition according to <sup>Claim 4</sup> [any of Claims 1 to 4] wherein the cation containing polymer is a cationic polymer.
- ⑥ A composition according to Claim 5 wherein the cationic polymer is a cationic polysaccharide or derivatives thereof selected from cationic cellulosic derivatives and cationic polysaccharide gum derivatives, or mixtures thereof.
7. A composition according to <sup>Claim 6</sup> [any of Claims 1 to 6] wherein the cation containing polymer is selected from polyquaternium-10, guar hydroxypropyltrimonium chloride, hydroxypropyl guar gums, or mixtures thereof.

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8. A composition according to any of Claims 1 to 7 comprising from about 0.01% to about 20% preferably from about 0.05% to about 5%, more preferably from about 0.1% to about 1% by weight of the cation containing polymer, or mixtures thereof.
9. A composition according to any of *Claim 8* Claims 1 to 8 wherein the composition preferably comprises less than 2% and more preferably less than 1% of an anionic, zwitterionic or amphoteric surfactant.
10. A composition according to any of *Claim 9* Claims 1 to 9 wherein when the composition comprises an anionic surfactant, the composition has a ratio of cation containing polymer to anionic surfactant of greater than 1.
11. A cosmetic method of treatment of the skin comprising applying to the skin a composition according to any of Claims 1 to 10 *Claim 10*.
12. Use of a cation containing polymer selected from cationic, basic, amphoteric and zwitterionic polymers, or mixtures thereof, for reducing tack in a skin care composition comprising from about 6% to from about 20% of a polyhydric alcohol, or mixtures thereof.
13. Use of a composition comprising from about 6% to from about 20% of a polyhydric alcohol, or mixtures thereof; and a cation containing polymer selected from cationic, basic, amphoteric and zwitterionic polymers, or mixtures thereof for a leave-on skin care application.